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AUSTRALIA LOSES
TWO WICKETS.

ENGLAND PROSPER IN
MORNING.

KIPPAX AND RYDER SENT
BACK EARLY.

VERY EVEN POSITION.

England's cause prospered. In the Third Test Match at Melbourne this morning, two wickets falling before lunch, for the addition of only 50 runs. Splendid bowling kept the Australian scoring down, a curious fact being that the successful bowlers were Tate and Geary, though all England's stock bowlers have now taken a wicket.

Ten thousand people were present at the restart, which took place in sultry weather.

A shilling fund has been started in Melbourne on behalf of Hammond as a memorial for his wonderful achievement in scoring a double century in successive Test innings. A picture of Hammond will be found on another page.

Interesting Position.

When play was resumed this morning, the position was extremely interesting. Obviously, it was anyone's game. The collapse of England's tall yesterday upset all calculations, and the comparatively negligible lead of 20 had before the day's end been converted into a deficit of 98 runs, costing Australia two wickets.

Victor Richardson again failed miserably, scoring 5 as against 3 in the first innings, while Henry did very little better, though he helped to put on 53 for the second wicket.

Woodfull-batted steadily and confidently, while Kippax rendered him good support.

The pair, Woodfull (64) and Kippax (34) took their place at a wicket which was showing signs of wear this morning—the fifth day of the match. The ball occasionally turns, and more often keeps low.

Slow Scoring.

Runs came extremely slowly, Tate and Larwood bowling brilliantly. Kippax was always in difficulties, and was kept on the defensive, scoring even less rapidly than his stoic partner.

Twenty runs had been added when Australia suffered their first mishap, Kippax being bowled by Tate. Kippax had added only seven runs to his overnight score, while Woodfull had been making 13.

Kippax played outside a fast ball from Tate which nipped off his bats very quickly. He had been batting for 94 minutes for his 41 runs, and had hit four 4's.

Five runs later, Woodfull not having scored at all, Ryder was also dismissed. He failed to get hold of a ball from Geary and played on.

Woodfull and Bradman played until lunch without being separated, Woodfull giving a splendid display, indicating that he will almost certainly get his century.

At lunch, Australia were 118 runs on with six wickets to fall.—Reuter.

Australia.—2nd Innings.

Woodfull not out	90
Richardson, b Larwood	5
Hendry, st Duckworth, b White	12
Kippax, b Tate	41
Ryder, b Geary	5
Bradman not out	9
Extras	9
Total (for 4 wkt.)	168

Fall of wickets: 1 for 7 (Richardson); 2 for 60 (Hendry); 3 for 138 (Kippax); 4 for 143.

Australia.—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Jarlaine, b Tate	7
V. Richardson, c Duckworth, b Larwood	5
H. Hendry, c Jarlaine, b Larwood	5
J. S. Ryde, c Hendry, b Tate	12
D. Bradman, b Hammond	70
W. A. Oldfield, b Geary	5
H. M. Oraman, b Geary	12
C. V. Grimmett, c Duckworth, b Geary	5
D. Blakie, not out	7
Extras	7
Total (for 4 wkt.)	168

Bowling Analysis.

Larwood	O. 27	M. 3	R. 127	W. 2
Geary	17	4	65	2
Hammond	21.5	4	55	2
White	57	30	64	1
Jardine	1	—	16	—

HANKOW IN PERIL
FROM FENG?

CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S MEN
ON THE MARCH.

NEW WAR IN YANGTSZE

Hankow, Jan. 2. A sensational prospect, the rumours of which have not been confirmed, is conveyed by a report reaching the British naval authorities to the effect that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's troops are marching on Hankow.

It is presumed, if the unconfirmed story is based on fact, that this is one of the first military moves against the Kwangsi clique. It is stated that General Li Ching-yen, who has gone to Nanking in connexion with the Disarmament Conference will not be allowed to return to Hankow.

It is notable in connexion with this story that considerable troop movement and drilling are taking place, while properties recently evacuated by troops after Consular protests, have again been occupied.

The amalgamation of the Special Administrative Districts No. 1 and No. 2 into the Wuhan Municipality has been accomplished and is the subject of a long protest by the Chamber of Commerce.

The ex-British Concession now remains the only Special District.

H.M.S. Tern, with s.s. Kingyo has arrived at Chungking in the Upper Yangtsze.—*Naval Wireless*.

REPARATION HEAD
UNPOPULAR.

GERMANY OBJECTS TO ROSY
PORTRAYAL.

HER ABILITY TO PAY.

Berlin, Jan. 2. Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparations, has not made himself popular by any means by the comments in his annual report, portraying the rosy condition of the German economic situation.

Germany, at the present time, when the interested Powers have agreed to appoint experts to go into the problem of reparations to decide how much Germany is to pay, is not pleased, apparently, to be regarded as prosperous.

The publication of the report, which again consists of criticism of the sweeping increases in official salaries and pensions, and suggests a means of saving hundreds of millions of marks, is the subject of editorial comment in the majority of the German newspapers, and it is almost unanimously affirmed that Mr. Parker Gilbert's declaration of the sound economical position of Germany is unjustified and unfair, because, the newspapers say, his remarks are likely to create an erroneous impression in the minds of the new Committee of Experts.—Reuter.

INFLUENZA SWEEPS
AMERICA.

OVER HALF MILLION CASES
REPORTED.

New York, Jan. 2. An influenza epidemic is sweeping the country, over half a million cases having been already reported. The health authorities, who are kept extremely busy in coping with this outbreak, are further alarmed by the discovery of a number of cases of influenza being followed by sleepy sickness.—*Reuters' American Service*.

England—1st Innings.

J. B. Hobbs, c Oldfield, b A. Beckett	20
H. Nuttall, b Blakie	68
W. R. Hammond, c A. Beckett, b Blakie	200
E. Hendry, c A. Beckett, b Hendry	10
D. Bradman, c and b Blakie	62
H. Larwood, c and b Blakie	8
G. Grimmett, c and b Blakie	10
M. Tate, c Kippax, b Grimmett	21
J. C. White, not out	8
Extras	7
Total	417

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.				
A. Beckett	27	7	92	1
Hendry	20	14	52	2
Grimmett	55	14	114	2
Hammond	25	11	97	2
Blakie	44	14	94	6
White	—	—	—	—

THE BUCKET SHOP
SCANDAL.

DUC D'AYEN ARRESTED
IN PARIS.

FICTITIOUS SHARE PURCHASE
ALLEGATIONS.

FINANCIAL PRESS.

Paris, Jan. 2. A fresh development in the sensational *Gazette du Franc* scandal occurred to-day, the Due D'Ayen, one of the directors of the *Inter-press*, another financial paper alleged to be concerned in the swindle, being arrested.

The Due D'Ayen has been indicted on a charge of swindling and abuse of confidence.

He was interrogated this morning by the Examining Magistrate in the *Gazette du Franc* case, and described his relations with Madame Hanau, the leading figure in the bucket-shop allegations.

Fictitious Subscriptions.

It is alleged that Le Due D'Ayen fictitiously subscribed for shares in various undertakings under his auspices for the sum of 1,830,000 francs.

After a lengthy cross-examination, Lo Due was allowed to leave, his liberty having been granted provisionally.

It will be recalled that M. Gilot, the managing director of the *Inter-press* was arrested on Boxing Day for alleged association in the *Gazette* scandal.

The Police are still conducting a vigorous investigation of the affair, and further arrests are not unlikely.—Reuter.

Attack on Government.

A characteristic attack on the Government in connexion with the *Gazette* was recently made by *Humanite*, which accuses Ministers and the "whole regime" of being in league with the swindlers.

The paper reproduces the *Gazette des Nations*, which was issued as a supplement of the *Gazette du Franc* of April 14, 1928, with photographs of M. Poincaré, M. Leygues, and M. Hennery, and a letter of commonplace encouragement from the Prime Minister on its political policy.

The following text is printed below by *Humanite*: "One sees the 'pacifist' (!) autograph of M. Poincaré serving as a flag to cover the trade of the Ille de Provence. Above, M. Leygues, one of the Ministers who collaborated with the *Gazette*; below M. Hennery, Minister of Agriculture, who profited in the *Quotidien* by the money extorted from 60,000 French men and women."

We can understand after that why Pierre Audibert, the director of the *Gazette du Franc et des Nations* is not prosecuted.

"The plain fact, of course, is that in April of this year no one was aware of the shady financial transactions carried on behind the facade of the *Gazette du Franc*."

At about 7 p.m. a report was heard, followed by a sound of falling glass. The sound appeared to be from the direction of Cox's Road.

The police were communicated with, and an investigation found that a pane of window glass, facing Cox's Road had a small hole in it as if made by a revolver bullet of small calibre. A search by the police failed to discover any bullet.

Enquiries were made from the rickshaw coolies in the vicinity but none appeared to have heard the report.

M. Poincaré has written to M. Chastanet asking if he has any more names to give and depicting loose general charges.

To this M. Chastanet has replied in a long letter lauding M. Poincaré's personal honesty, but insinuating practically that all business men in the Government are open to corruption, and demanding that they should be forced to lay down directorates if they have not already done so.

This onslaught appears, however, to have nothing whatever to do with the companies founded by Marthe Hanau.

SCHOOLBOY CHASE
OF SNATCHER.

EUROPEAN LADY ROBBED
IN GLENALY.

LADS CONGRATULATED

Major C. Willison inflicted a smart sentence this morning on a Chinese who was convicted on a charge of snatching from Mrs. E. M. Hazelton a handbag containing \$200 and a cheque.

The incident occurred yesterday afternoon at 2.15, when Mrs. Hazelton was walking down Glenaly in the company of her daughter, Mrs. Millet.

The defendant crept up stealthily from behind, and, with a violent jerk, gained possession of the bag and started to make off.

Mrs. Hazelton immediately gave chase and at the same time shouted to a group of schoolboys who were near at hand. The boys

ARNHOLD BURGLARY
LATEST.

Thoroughbred Airdale
Poisoned.

JEWELLERY UNINSURED.

Shanghai, Jan. 2. It is learned that in the course of the sensational burglary at the home of Mr. Harry Arnhold on New Year's morning, the raiders poisoned a thoroughbred Airedale terrier.

The amount of the haul is now placed at over \$120,000 in jewellery alone, including a superb necklace.

Servants were in the house throughout the robbery, but enquiries have shown that they were unaware of the proceedings.

Mrs. Arnhold's loss is a heavy one as the jewellery was not covered by insurance.—Our Own Correspondent.

STARTLING INCIDENT
AT K.B.G.C.

REVOLVER SHOT SMASHES
WINDOW-PANE.

A curious incident occurred last night at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

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MARTIAL LAW IN
MANCHURIA.

PRICAUTIONARY MOVE BY
MILITARY.

Peking, Jan. 2. It is reported from Mukden that in order to ensure peace and order in Manchuria following the decision to acknowledge allegiance to the Nanking Government, the military authorities in the Provinces of Fengtien, Kirin, Hailungkhang and Jehol have imposed martial law.

His Lordship:—Haven't fashions changed considerably of late years? I thought no lady would be seen in any garment of eight years ago?

Mr. Prior:—She would in these tailor-made clothes.

His Lordship (smilingly):—I am not an authority?

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7.48 p.m. Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. Evening Programme. (Victor and H. M. V. Records).

"Out of the Night" Percy Heming. Baritone.

"The Yeoman's Wedding," Percy Heming. Baritone.

"Come Unto Me," Rachel Morton. Soprano.

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives," Rachel Morton. Soprano.

"Country Dance," Nell Gwyn.

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

"Pastoral Dance," Nell Gwyn.

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

"Ah Moon Of Delight," Tudor Davies. Tenor.

"On Wings Of Song," Tudor Davies. Tenor.

"The Mill Wheel," Robert Radford. Bass.

"The Sergeant's Song," Robert Radford. Bass.

"Jean," John Turner. Tenor.

"Thank God For A Garden," John Turner. Tenor.

"Deep Is My Heart Dear," Fritz Kreisler.

"Indian Love Call," Fritz Kreisler.

"Spanish Caprice," Rimsky Korsakoff.

San Francisco Symphony Orch.

"Gems from Tin-Tock," Victor Light Opera Company.

"Gems from Merry-Merry," Victor Light Opera Company.

"Ay-Ay-Ay," Tito Schipa. Tenor.

"Cancion Andaluza," Tito Schipa. Tenor.

"Elli, Elli," (My Lord, My Lord), Victor Salom Orchestra.

"Kol Nidre," (All Vows), Victor Salom Orchestra.

"Tales from the Vienna Woods," Walitz.

International Concert Orch.

"Brigg Fair," Delius.

London Symphony Orchestra.

"Bavarian Dance," Op. 27, Elgar.

London Symphony Orchestra.

"Over The Waves," Waltz.

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"Danube, Waves," Waltz.

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SMALL-POX OUTBREAK.**SEVENTY-THREE CASES
REPORTED LAST WEEK.**

During last week, 73 cases of
small-pox were reported to the
Medical Officer of Health, 51 occur-
ring in Kowloon and 22 in Hong-
kong. Three of the victims were
British and one Japanese, the re-
maining 69 being Chinese, one of
them being imported.

There were 38 deaths from small-
pox.

Since the beginning of November
no less than 475 cases have been re-
ported and 153 of the victims have
died. The following table gives
the weekly total:

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	16
December 14	91	29
December 22	81	22
December 29	73	38
	415	153

Four cases of diphtheria (one
British, one European and two
Chinese) and two Chinese cases of
enteric fever were also reported

AGRICULTURAL SHOW.**PROGRAMME FOR OPENING
DAY ON SATURDAY.**

The Committee has issued the
programme for the opening day of
the Agricultural Show, which will
take place on Saturday, at 3 p.m.
The Show will be continued on the
following day.

Judging will commence at 10.30
a.m. on the first day and is expected
to be concluded by noon when
the grounds will be open to the
public.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn,
C.M.G., who will perform the
opening ceremony, and be accom-
panied by Mrs. Southorn, Capt.
A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C. and Mr. W.
R. Scott, private secretary, will
arrive at the exhibition ground at
2.25 p.m. His Excellency and
party will be received at the
entrance by the Chairman of the
Committee, the Rev. H. R. Wells,
O.B.E.; Sir Robert and Lady Ho
Tung; Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin
and Mr. Fung Kel-shou and
others representing the reception
committee.

The members of the general
committee, among whom there are
a large number of the village eld-
ers from every district in the
New Territories, will then be in-
troduced to His Excellency. Fol-
lowing the introduction, His Ex-
cellency will be conducted to a
platform in front of the exhibition
building. The formal part of the
proceedings will commence with a
speech by Sir Robert Ho Tung, to
which His Excellency will re-
ply.

There will be a distribution of
special prizes and certificates of
honour to all who will participate
in the Show.

SPECIAL TRAIN FARES.

The Hon. Mr. Southorn and
Mrs. Southorn will then be con-
ducted over the grounds for in-
spection of the exhibits which
will be staged according to the
classification in the respective
sheds, of which there are eight.

Tea and refreshments will be
served on the grounds through-
out the afternoon by the management
of the Castle Peak Restaurant at
moderate prices.

As will be seen from the adver-
tisement columns, the Railway
management has made a substantial
reduction on the ordinary
fares for the return journey to
and from Sheung Shui. Visitors
travelling on the 12.10 or the
1.15 p.m. train from Kowloon
will arrive at Sheung Shui in time
for the opening ceremony. Return
trains will leave Sheung Shui
half an hour later, the 1.56 p.m.
train for Kowloon, the latter is the
last train. Sailors and soldiers
in uniform and school children
will be admitted to the exhibition
free.

EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS.

The following list gives the
numbers of exhibits and exhibitors
from each district:

Places	Exhibits	Exhibitors
Sha Tin	574	76
Lum Chuen		
Tai Po	82	15
Sha Tow Kok	126	18
Fanling, Sheung- shui	1267	135
Sun Tin		
Kam Tin		
Pat Heung	743	87
Sun Pat Heung		
Ping Shan		
Mong Chang	1389	149
Tuen Moon	468	56
Cheun Wan	126	17
Yau Ma Tei	283	44
	5,058	586

last week. There were three deaths
from enteric.

The return for December 31 and
New Year's day gives 13 cases of
small-pox, all from Kowloon, and
one of diphtheria. All were
Chinese.

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or the officer in charge of the
nearest Police Station, was the
charge brought against the
tenant of No. 10, Hong Lok Street
before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

A servant appeared in Court and
informed his Worship that the
defendant had gone to Canton.
She was unable to say when he
would be back.

Remarking that the defendant
had apparently absconded to Can-
ton, his Worship said that he was
unable to proceed against the
servant who appeared. He would
adjourn the case *sine die* and when
the defendant returned it could
be brought up again.

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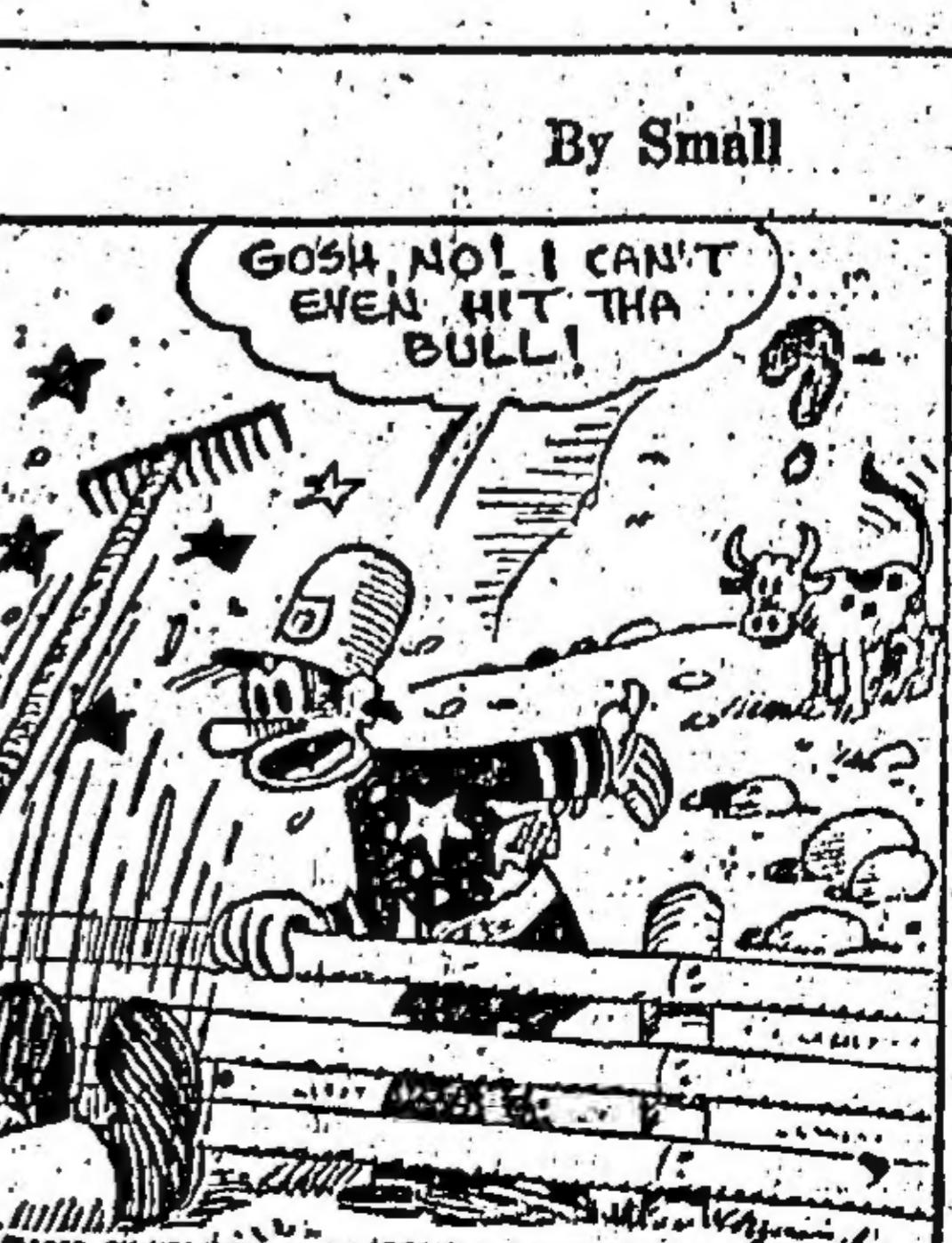
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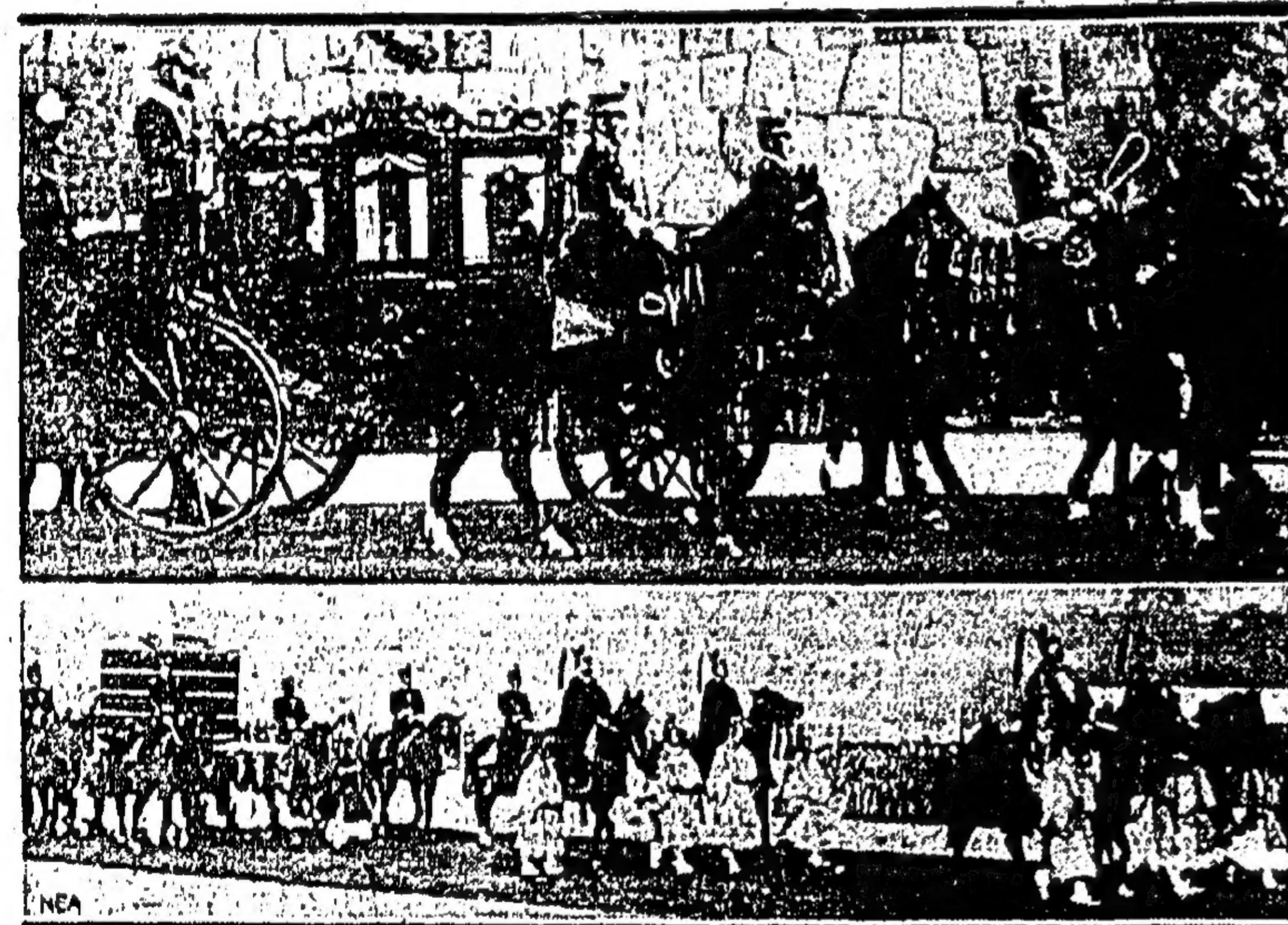
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Photographs of the actual coronation scenes in Kyoto, where the 124th Mikado ascended to the imperial throne of Japan, amid traditional ceremonies centuries old. Upper photo shows high state officials as embled before the Shishinden, or main hall as the new Emperor read the rescript proclaiming himself ruler. Throughout the enthronement ceremonies, the Emperor remained on his throne within the Shishinden. The new ruler, Hirohito, is shown below in his ceremonial robes. At the right is the Empress, Nagako.



Pictures show the start of Japan's elaborate coronation ceremonies—departure of the Emperor and Empress from the Imperial Palace of Tokyo for Kyoto, where the rites were held. Upper photo shows the couple in the royal carriage in the parade from the palace to the Tokyo station. Below shows a section of the parade, with the "Ohaguruma" bearing the "Kashikodokore" or imperial sanctuary.



The Shanghai celebration of the anniversary of Latvia's independence took place recently. A group of Latvians in Shanghai with their Consul, Mr. K.G. Wahamaki, are shown in the photograph.



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NOTICE.

We have authorized Mr. Walter Schack to sign for our firm per procura from this date.
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NOTICE.

We have this day been appointed for Hongkong and Macao Agents for the Scottish Union & National Insurance Company.
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NOTICE.

By mutual agreement, Mr. Joao Heytor Botelho has retired from our firm as from 31st December, 1927, and his responsibility has ceased as from that date.

BOTELHO BROS.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1929.

NOTICE.

Mr. Archibald Reid Botelho having severed his connection with our firm, the Power of Attorney heretofore granted him, is cancelled.

BOTELHO BROS.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1929.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS, LIMITED.

Owing to ill health, Mr. H. W. Ray resigned his position as Managing Director of this Company as from October 31st, 1928.

By Order of the Board.

CHAS. S. ROSELET,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

We have this day admitted into partnership Mr. Strathmore Tatham Butlin, A.C.A., and Mr. Henry Russell Forsyth, C.A. Our business will be carried on under the same name and style as formerly.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Chartered Accountants.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1929.

NOTICE.

DENISON RAM AND GIBBS,
PARTNERSHIP.

Mr. GERALD HOLINGSWORTH BOND has been Admitted as a Partner in the firm of DENISON, RAM & GIBBS, Chartered Architects, Civil Engineers & Surveyors, as from 2nd January, 1929. The business will continue to be carried on under the Name of DENISON, RAM AND GIBBS.

F. FELD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 1st 1929, we have taken over the firm of F. Feld, Canton and Hongkong, Engineers, Contractors and General Merchants, with all assets, liabilities and pending business, and shall carry on the business at the same places as heretofore under the style or name of "F. Feld & Co., Ltd." and also under the former Chinese Hongname of Bo Be Yeung Hong.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit passing the following resolution, viz:-

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and, if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.
By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note.—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hongkong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Building, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

PLEASE NOTE.

All firms, shops, trades, professions, associations, etc. are cordially invited to send in full particulars as early as possible for FREE INSERTION in the next issue of LEB'S TRADE & SHOPPING GUIDE OF HONG-KONG (An Anglo-Chinese Directory).

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SATURDAY and SUNDAY,
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Official Opening by Officer Administering the Government on Saturday, 5th January, 1929, at 3 p.m.

Trains leave Kowloon for Sheungshui at 12.10 p.m. and 1.15 p.m.

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G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1929, at 3 p.m. at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at ShamshuiPo, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 76 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Conditions	sq. feet	sq. feet	Annual Rental	Open Price
New Elevation Land No. 136.	136	Kowloon, New Territories, Junction of Queen's Road, Wan Chai, and Gloucester Road, Sham Shui Po.	As per sale plan.	About 1,150	85	45	\$1,740	

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Conditions	sq. feet	sq. feet	Annual Rental	Open Price
2	2	New Elevation Land No. 137.	As per sale plan.	About 4,250	438	4540	\$1,450	

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Signalman Leading Seaman Shome v Mudge.

H.M.S. Serapis H.M.S. Burwick

WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST.

10 Rounds.

Mariner Leading Seaman Fraser v Clayton.

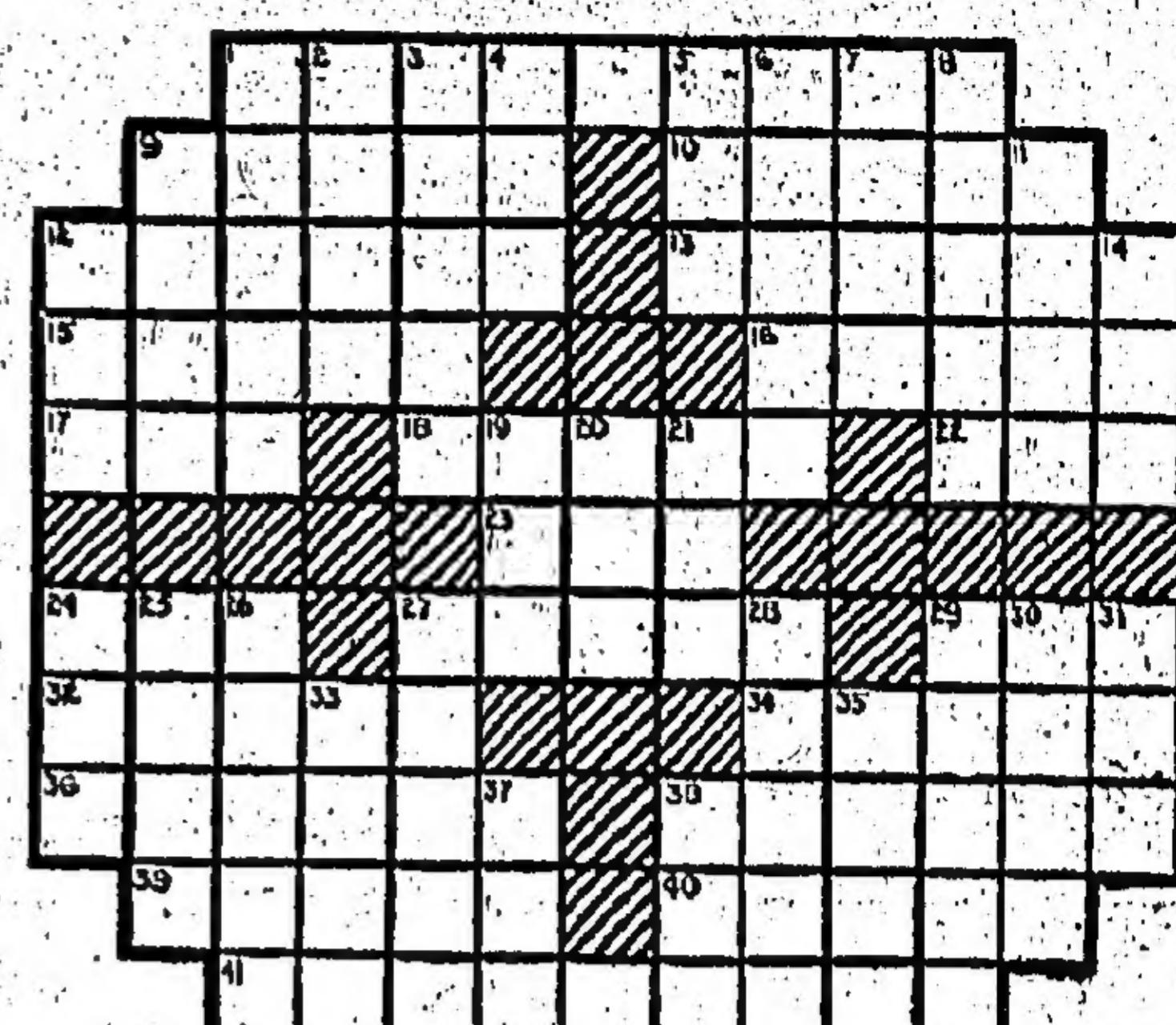
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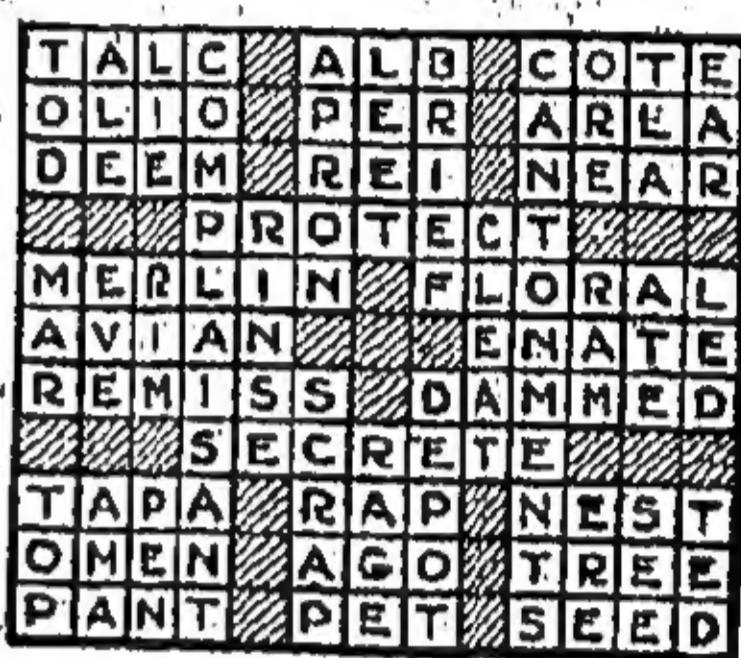


Horizontal

- A few sheets of printed matter bound together (pl.)
- Leverage prepared from coca bean
- To rejoice in triumph
- The main cabin of a steamer
- Abundance
- Affirms
- One afflicted with leprosy
- Affirmative
- Incident
- Organ of sight
- Wrath
- A hoax
- Boat
- Feather scarf
- A larval stage of certain crustacea
- That which remains of a memorial
- To incite secretly
- Highly seasoned Mexican dish
- A skirmish
- Faultily
- Extreme in a bad sense

Vertical

- Long slender pieces of wood
- Acidity of the stomach
- Large mammal of the deer family
- Cooking utensil
- Limb
- To extol
- Bulrush
- An incline
- Cavern
- Three in cards
- To mention
- Before
- By the way of
- Sea eagle
- Born
- Aeriform fuel
- An astrigent
- Derided
- Troubles
- Theatrical play
- Surfeited with pleasure
- Lubricates
- One in cards
- Dark coloured spot on the skin
- To eject
- Knot of wood fibre
- Sailor

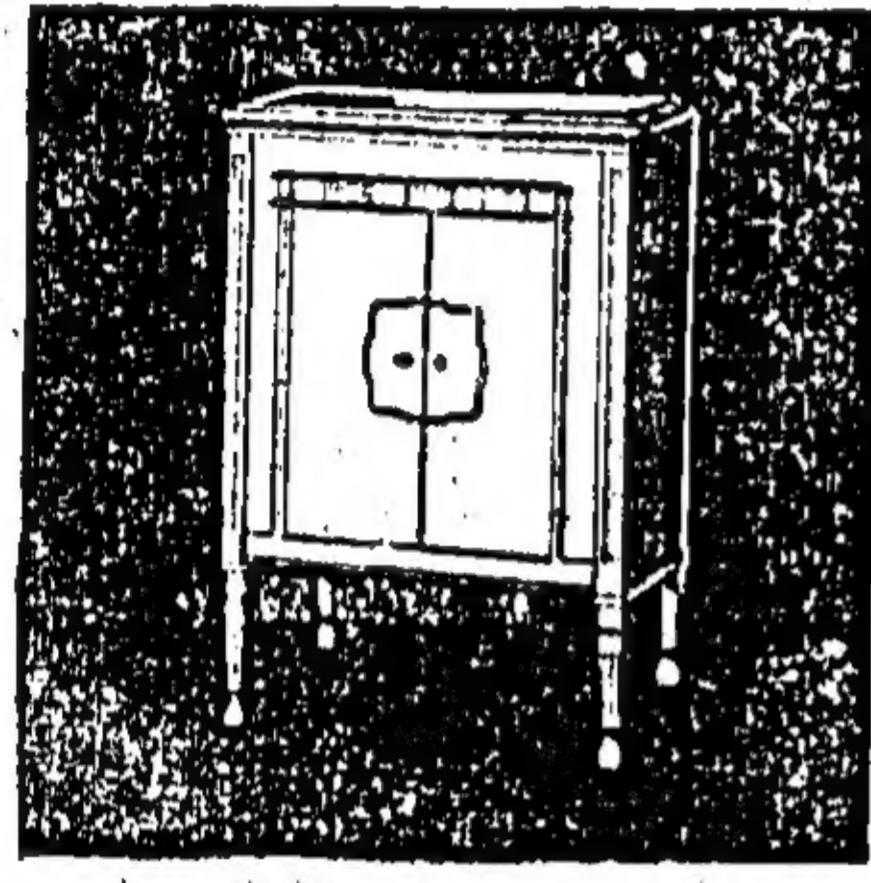
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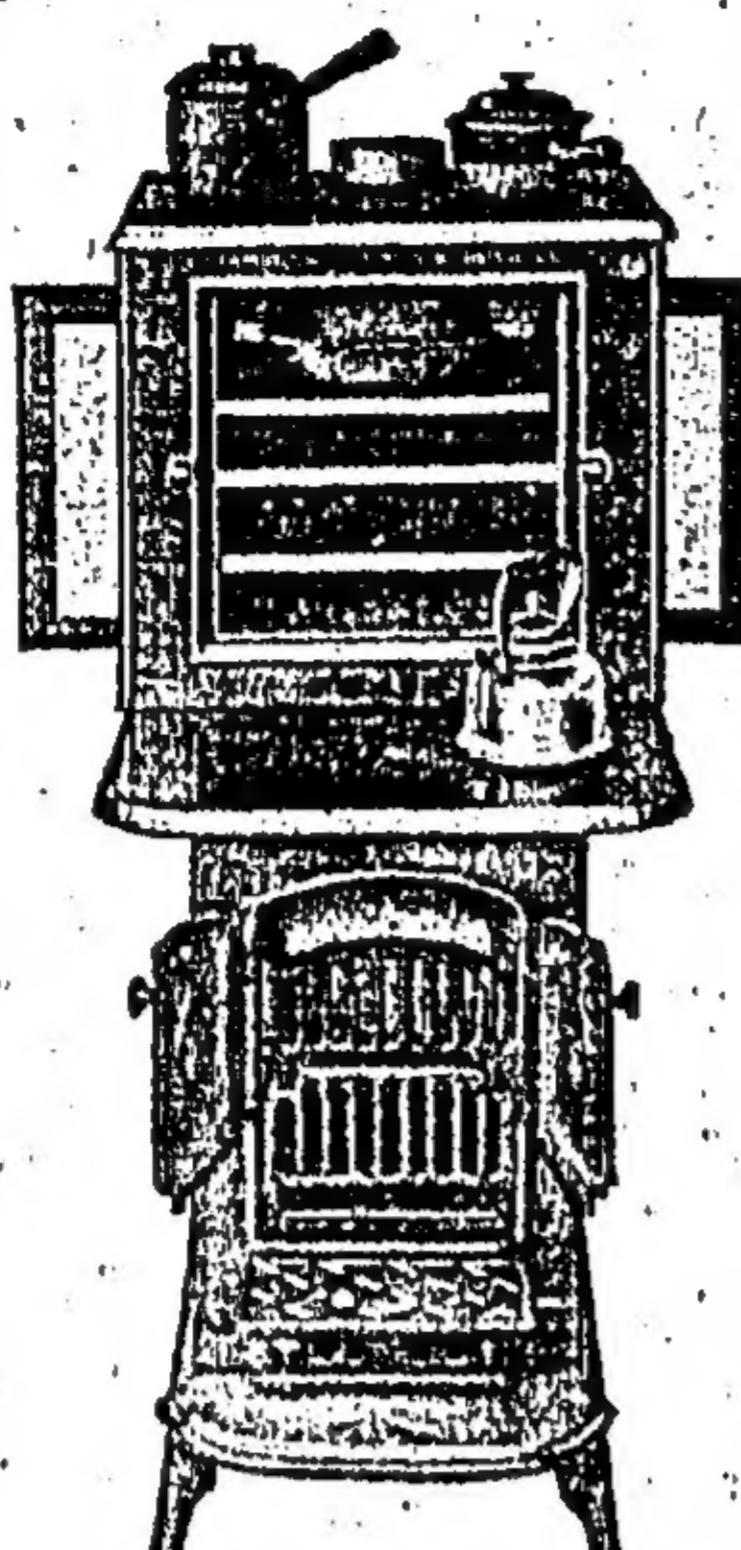
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MARRIAGE.

McRAE—HURLEY.—On January 3, 1929, at 2.30 p.m. at the Registry, Mr. Lionel McRae to Mrs. M. P. Hurley (nee Goldenberg).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3 1929

THE DISBANDMENT PROBLEM.

The Disbandment Conference which has opened in Nanking has a big problem to tackle. It is impossible to say with any exactitude the precise number of men under arms in China, but it can with certainty be stated that the total far outstrips that of any other country. Most of the estimates based on reasonable grounds put the figure at between one and two million men. The curse of China for many years past has been this huge military incubus, and it is gratifying to find that the National Government has come to realise that only by means of disbandment of superfluous forces can the heavy drain on the country be stopped. But the subject bristles with difficulties, and it will require wise statesmanship to deal with it effectually.

There was a time when the predecessors of the present National Government hoped to achieve the unification of the country by other than military measures, but it eventually came to be realised that force must be met by force, and so came about the struggle for supremacy on the battlefield, resulting in a series of uninterrupted victories for the Nationalist and allied troops. By the victory, the campaign has been described as a war against corrupt militarists. This is in part true, of course, but it must not be forgotten that in the past the corruption complained of has not been all on one side. We have had numerous examples of military leaders all over the country, and in all factions, resorting to corrupt and illegal methods. Much of this has been due to compulsion, for with no adequate provision made for the upkeep of the armies and the various factions more or less a law unto themselves, means of finding revenue, however, improper have had to be resorted to. Thus has the military problem impinged on other big issues—the opium-growing evil, for one, and irregular taxation, for another. Now that some-

thing approaching real unification has been achieved, the National Government feels emboldened to make some effort for cutting down China's huge armies, reassured by a belief that it can exercise centralised control over the country's armed forces. It will therefore be the task of the Conference now meeting to evolve a workable scheme towards this end, and the real test of Nationalist authority will come when efforts are made to put into force the decisions which are reached.

In the past, disbandment of troops in China has generally had little other effect than to add to the strength of the bandit gangs operating in the country. This has been so because the dispersed troops have been merely turned loose, without any means of making a living being provided for them. The first requisite, therefore, of any new scheme will be to see that work is rendered available for such men as are not required in military service. Here we touch an economic problem. All up and down the country there is a call for reconstruction, and if the means for financing the numerous projects which have been mentioned can only be found, there should be no difficulty in giving employment to the disbanded troops. These things, however, cannot be done in a day. We must therefore hardly expect the military problem to be solved right away. But if the basis of a really workable scheme can be reached, and if personal jealousies and ambitions on the part of military leaders can be overcome, there is no reason why by gradual steps China should not find some better employment for the huge number of superfluous troops now serving in one or other of the armies scattered up and down the country.

The King's Illness.

At the end of the sixth week of the King's illness, the sympathy and interest of the public remain unabated. A week ago, His Majesty suffered a set-back which again brought the worst dangers very near indeed, but later developments have inspired a much more hopeful feeling, though it is evident that a shade of anxiety must continue for some time. Apparently, the disease conforms to a type in which there is no single crisis, but a protracted succession of ups and downs, and it is this vacillation that has been responsible for the extreme weakness of the Royal Patient. It is now affirmed that His Majesty has mastered the disease and is suffering more from its destructive effects than anything else. No quick, and decisive improvement can, therefore, be expected. The recovery will be long and arduous, but progress, however slow, is to be looked for. The new calcium treatment appears to be having beneficial results, and the Empire will wait patiently, amid its loyal hopes and prayers, for a favourable outcome. The most reassuring statement for some time past was made by Sir William Joynton Hicks, the Home Secretary, yesterday, on leaving London for Mentone. The doctors, he says, are now satisfied with the King's progress. His Majesty has taken a turn for the better and is slowly pulling through. At this stage of the illness, it would scarcely be possible to obtain a more pleasing summary of the position. The signs of a lifting of the clouds will be a source of great comfort to Her Majesty the Queen, who has been a most anxious watcher throughout.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 2,
Paris	124.10
Geneva	25.19
Berlin	29.39
Oslo	18.195
Helsingfors	10.24
Athens	.876
Buenos Aires	47.13/32
Hongkong	2.034
New York	4.854
Amsterdam	12.08
Stockholm	18.125
Vienna	.34-.45
Madrid	.25-.75
Bucharest	.008
Bombay	10.11/32
Yokohama	1/10.23/32
Brussels	.34.885
Milan	.92.665
Copenhagen	18.174
Prague	.1634
Lisbon	.1094
Rio	5.29.32
Shanghai	Holiday
Silver (spot)	26.5/16
Silver (forward)	.23%

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

I SHOULD LIKE TO SEE A NEW CONCEPTION OF NOBILITY, BASED ON REAL SUPERIORITY, AND NOT ON COATS OF ARMS OR BROAD ACRES.—Dean Inge.

The P. and O. s.s. Alipore, from Singapore, is due here at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

The P. and O. s.s. Mantua, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

The P. and O. s.s. Karmala, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 1st January at 9 a.m.

The Empress of Australia left Suez on New Year's Day and is due here on February 13th.

Mr. G. H. Bond has been admitted as a partner in the firm of Messrs. Denison, Ram & Gibbs, Chartered Architects, Civil Engineers & Surveyors.

Information received in the Colony is to the effect that Leslie Haynes has been appointed editor of the *Dunstable Borough Gazette* and *Luton Journal*.

Eleven further Chinese cases of small-pox were notified yesterday, of which eight were from Kowloon districts. There was also a British case of typhoid recorded.

There has just come to hand a copy of the *Malayan Daily Express* Christmas Number. Published in Kuala Lumpur at \$1 per copy, it contains some eighty pages of light and sensible reading matter and is well illustrated. A bright and chatty number, it should find a ready sale.

The transport *Neurilia* arrived in Hongkong this morning from Shanghai with the 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment on board, bound for India. The transport also has on board half of the 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment which is proceeding to Malta. Details are being picked up here for England.

SAI ON COLLIDES WITH JUNK.

BOAT RESCUES WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

The s.s. *Sai On*, arriving from Canton last night, reports being in collision with a junk in Capuliman Pass, shortly before midnight.

A boat was immediately sent away from the *Sai On*, under the command of Chief Officer Cornwall, and a number of women and children were taken off, part of the crew remaining on board the junk to navigate her to the beach.

It is understood that the junk was not seriously damaged and that when the collision occurred she was not showing lights.

CHRISTMASTIDE AT WUCHOW.

JOLLY DOINGS ON H.M.S. TARANTULA.

H.M.S. Tarantula has just returned to Canton after passing the Christmas holidays in Wuchow, and reports a very jolly time spent up there amongst the foreign community.

Christmas was kept up on board in proper naval fashion. On Christmas Eve, the day was spent thoroughly scrubbing and cleaning the ship and making everything absolutely spick and span; during the afternoon a party went ashore and gathered greenery and during the night the mast yards, etc., were decorated. In addition to this, a pine tree was decorated and this gave a very jolly aspect to the whole ship.

Early on Christmas day the various messes were decorated with bunting, Christmas fair was displayed everywhere and each mess was issued with refreshments from the Captain and Officers, which was very greatly appreciated.

A service was held on board in the forenoon, being conducted by the Rev. R. A. Jaffray, at which a number of the foreign residents of the port were present. After the service a tour of the ship was made and the various messes entertained the foreign residents who had come on board.

The Wuchow Club was thrown open to the ship's company for the day, and by kind permission of the S.N.O., Commander M. L. Clarke and the Officers, a very amusing concert was given, the programme being contributed to by C.P.O.

BERNARD SHAW FOR HONGKONG.

THE MACDONA PLAYERS' HONGKONG SEASON.

There is hardly a civilised country in the world where the plays of Bernard Shaw have not been presented either in English or translated into the language of the country; in fact no dramatist has enjoyed such a universal popularity during his own lifetime. Through acquiring the rights of these plays early in 1921, Mr. Charles Macdonald's companies (which are known throughout England, Scotland and Ireland as "The Macdonald Players") have a following comparable to no other repertory company playing exclusively the works of one author. Each year they play a long season in the West End of London before visiting the large university and manufacturing towns in the country. They have also visited Paris and had two very successful seasons there and a company has just left for South Africa on a second visit to that country.

This will be their first visit to the Far East, and they will open at the Theatre Royal on Monday next with "Pygmalion."

The task of creating a society lady out of a "cockney flower-seller" is no light one, but Henry Higgins (Professor of Phonetics) wagered that he could do it. The correcting of her pronunciation, the restraining of her flow of adjectives, the moulding of her mannerisms, the "settling" of her father (A dustman) presented great difficulties; half way through the experiment progress has been made, and he brings the girl to one of his Mother's At Homes; all goes well while she keeps to the generalities she has been taught but consternation is caused at the end of her visit by the inclusion of an adjective never heard in any drawing-room. In six months the task is finally accomplished and the girl has been passed off as a duchess at an Ambassador's garden party. Higgins has won his wager—but he had looked no further than this and is surprised and perplexed at finding the soul concealed in what he termed "this drab-tail garter-snipe!" The future of this girl with her newly awakened soul—not her training—proves to be the real problem of the play.

The Very Idea!

Some of the parishioners of Calow, Herefordshire, were shocked recently when their pastor, the Rev. A. Manby Lloyd, issuing an invitation through the press to motorists to attend services at his church, mentioned as a special attraction that the church was only half a mile from the Angel Inn, a hostelry famous for its excellent ale. The parishioners protested against linking an invitation to a public house with an invitation to church.

The Rev. Mr. Lloyd, apparently not at all abashed, replied to his critics in his sermon. He said that his invitation was based on an understanding of human nature.

"The religious man," he declared, "is supposed to regard the public house as a place of abomination. It is that spirit I want to contradict. Christianity has nothing to do with what a man eats or drinks. Whatever else one finds in a public house, one always finds there some of the best elements of human nature."

Magistrate at Tower Bridge—Have you any friends? Man—No, sir, I am Irish.

There may be nothing new under the sun, but the imitations frequently surpass the original.

An elderly man said at Bow County Court that he was in the London Police when they wore top hats.

Old Street prisoner—I gave a wrong address because these detectives do me more harm than good.

When a woman and a cyclone make up their minds, to go anywhere, nothing on earth can stop them.

Mr. Justice Salter suggested in his Court recently that perhaps in twenty years miners would go to work in airplanes.

Magistrate's Clerk at Tower Bridge—You women cannot both talk at once. The Magistrate—Oh, yes, they can, but they must not.

The village choir-boys had decided to form a cricket team, and appointed their junior member honorary secretary:

In due course the younger appealed to the curate for support.

This is how his letter ended:

"And we should be very pleased, sir, if you would allow us the use of the bats which the choir-men say you have in the belfry!"

The greatest obstacle in the way of disarmament is that we all fear the risks of peace more than we fear the risks of war.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

Red tape is a good thing up to a point, but it must have a certain amount of elastic in it here and there.—Sir Leonard Dunning.

The voice of the people is not necessarily the voice of God: it is quite as often the voice of Satan.—Mr. Norman Angell.

In the atmosphere of Geneva patriotism perishes; a patriot there is simply a spy who cannot be shot.—Mr. Bernard Shaw.

I am frankly aghast at the small number of people whom I meet in first-class railway carriages who read on a journey.—The Duchess of Atholl.

[It is announced that plants, like human beings, take violent likes and dislikes.]

Once there really was no measure To the love we felt for Pat, And it was indeed a pleasure When he dropped in for a chat.

But his jolly conversation Which delighted us of yore Has received its termination By our showing him the door.

And this treatment, though upsetting,

Is no more than he deserves Since we found that he was getting

On the apidistra's nerves,

T. H.

Minister—"Could you supply me with a very small quantity of notepaper?"

Stationer—"Would a sixpence worth be enough?"

Minister—"Oh dear no, I just want a very small quantity. You see I get all my notepaper in bulk from Glasgow, and as I am expecting a supply in soon, I would be obliged for about threepence worth."

The goods were handed over and then—

Minister—"By the way, Mr. (stationer), I never see you at church on Sundays."

Stationer—"Oh no. You see I have the wireless, and I get all my sermons from Glasgow."

CRITICALLY ILL.

THE U. S. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan.

CUTTING DOWN OF PINE-TREES.

LIEUT-COL. BIRD'S GARDENER CHARGED IN COURT.

INTERESTING CASE.

Some interesting pages occurred in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court this morning, when Lo Chong, a gardener in the employ of Lt.-Col. L. B. Bird, of No. 28, The Peak, was prosecuted for unlawful possession of 160 catties of pine wood.

Mr. L. R. Andrews, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, the defendant being unrepresented. Mrs. L. G. Bird was in Court.

Outline of the case. Mr. Andrews said that within the last fortnight about a hundred trees had been cut away from land above Lt.-Col. Bird's house and consequently a guard was posted on the hill above the house. From their position, the men saw wood stacked on the roof of the servants' quarters of Lt.-Col. Bird's house and a search warrant was duly taken out. As a result of the search, the defendant was arrested and charged.

Defendant Explains.

The defendant, in a statement to his Worship, said he merely cut down such branches as overhung his master's garden and he did not know anything about the disappearance of the hundred trees on the hillside.

Giving evidence, Mr. J. R. Carr, of the Forestry Department, said that as a result of certain information which he received yesterday he went to No. 28, The Peak. He walked about a hundred feet past the house and then climbed the bank, from which position he was able to see a quantity of wood laid out to dry in the servants' quarters. He took a look round the hillside and found about forty tree stumps which appeared to have been recently cut. The furthermost of these stumps was about 160 feet away from the house.

Witness said he then posted two guards on the hillside to keep watch whilst he went to the Central Magistracy to obtain a warrant. At 1.15 p.m., with the warrant in his possession, Mr. Carr went to No. 28, The Peak and asked for the master of the house. He was told that the master was not in, but Mrs. Bird appeared later.

Looking Into Bedroom.

Witness then related the conversation that took place. He told Mrs. Bird why he came, to which Mrs. Bird replied with a question as to whether he was a member of the Police Force. Mr. Carr explained that he was from the Forestry Department. Mrs. Bird is alleged to have said: "Oh! are you? You can wait here. I have arrested two of your men for looking into my bedroom and I have rung up the Police Station to send officers up here."

Mr. Carr, continuing, told his Worship that eventually Inspector Logan, from the Gough Hill Station, arrived and witness explained the position to the Inspector, as a result of which they entered a muzzle.

Mr. Lindsell:—Did you not obtain admission on your warrant then?

Witness:—No, your Worship I was refused entrance.

Found on Roof.

On the roof of the servants' quarters, said witness, 160 catties of firewood was found.

The defendant, on being asked if the firewood belonged to him, replied in the affirmative and pointed up to the hillside when he was asked where he had obtained it. Witness said that the questions were put to the defendant through the head forester and, on defendant admitting ownership of the wood, he was taken into custody.

In answer to Mr. Andrews, witness said that the area of Lt.-Col. Bird's property covered a circumference of 50 feet around the house. Witness admitted that he had not seen the plan of the house, but explained that most of the properties on the Peak owned a circumference of fifty feet around the house.

His Worship then asked the defendant if he had any questions to put to witness, when Mrs. Bird, addressing Mr. Andrews, asked: "May I ask?"

Mr. Andrews:—You can. Mrs. Bird:—I have only two questions.

Magistrate's Refusal.

Mr. Lindsell:—I am afraid I can't hear Mrs. Bird.

Mrs. Bird:—asked if I might. I don't intend to ask unless—

Mr. Lindsell:—I am afraid I can't hear you.

The defendant again made a statement to the effect that he only cut down the tree that overhung his master's garden, when his Worship pointed out that forty tree stumps were found.

The defendant made no reply.

Addressing Mr. Andrews, Mr. Lindsell said that if the defendant

DOG OWNERS IN COURT.

ANOTHER KOWLOON TONG CASE FAILS.

EVIDENCE CONFLICTS.

TAXING NATIVE PRODUCTS.

NEW AGITATION REPORTED FROM SWATOW.

MERCHANTS ACTIVE.

FOOCHOW NOTES.

INCIDENT AT BIG SPORTS GATHERING.

IMPATIENT CROWD.

Another dog case from Kowloon Tong was dismissed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when Mr. J. C. Ferguson of No. 112, successfully pleaded that his animal was in the garden and not on the road, as alleged by the Indian constable.

After evidence had been given by the constable, an amah employed by Mr. Ferguson stated that the dog had just been given its food when the constable appeared at the back gate. The dog went into the garden, but on no occasion did it leave the grounds.

The charge against Mr. Ferguson was dismissed, his Worship remarking that there was a conflict of evidence.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Ferguson said that there were generally quite a number of dogs on the roads, but he thought they were mostly owned by Chinese merchants themselves.

Better Outlook.

General Hsu Kin-tong has been away from the port for some time now. He went to Canton to consult with Marshal Li, and stayed for discussions with General Wong Shao-hung. He is now reported to have delayed owing to the recent death of his mother, whose funeral rites he is staying to arrange.

Meanwhile, the country under his charge has been much more satisfactorily settling down than seemed possible at one time. Although there are still districts disturbed by bandits, yet they are fewer, and large areas have become more settled.

A pocket of Communists is reported in the Fungshan district. Thau-pu, on the other hand, is quiet again. One cannot but hope that the present changes in high offices in the province may be carried peacefully through, and without leading to the revival of old jealousies.

Athletic Meeting.

The Athletic Meeting was formally opened on the 23rd. It is being held on the grounds of the new Tungshan public park. For some days before the opening various competitions were played off.

There have been a great number of entries for the various events, and general enthusiasm has been shown, especially by the schools. The meeting was originally planned to last three days, but in view of the number of entries it was necessary to continue for another day.—Our Own Correspondent.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. A. E. Conter, clerk of Hongkong Tramways Limited, at No. 3, Village Road, Hongkong, to Miss G. H. Maher (de Souza), stenotypist of Messrs. Moses and Company, Limited, residing at No. 2, Yu Kwong Terrace, Hongkong.

The defendant said that she was entirely ignorant of the offence until she received the summons on Christmas Day.

An Indian constable gave evidence that a dog tallying in description to that owned by Mrs. Hooper was abroad without a muzzle. He spoke to a male servant, but the man took no notice.

According to Mrs. Hooper, she had no male servants in her employment.

His Worship was satisfied that the dog which the constable saw belonged to Mrs. Hooper, and said that it was unfortunate that Mrs. Hooper herself was not informed.

Selma Lagerlof, the Swedish author who received the Nobel prize for literature in 1909, has been awarded the title of Doctor Honoris Causa by the University of Greifswald on the occasion of her seventieth birthday.

defendant had any questions, she could suggest them to the defendant.

Mr. Andrews enquired from Mrs. Bird whether she had any questions to ask, to which she replied:—"I don't know very much about Court procedure. I have no questions to ask."

The head forester of the Forestry Department was then called. He said the defendant, in reply to his question, said that he obtained the wood "outside the garden from the pine plantations."

Was Confused.

Defendant's statement in answer to the charge was "I have nothing to say." In the Court this morning, he explained to the Magistrate that he was confused by people shouting at him when he made that statement. He wished to call two witnesses, the houseboy and his assistant.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

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CANTON NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

BY SHAMEEN BACHELORS AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

HAPPY GATHERINGS.

Foochow, Dec. 27.—After a fairly long period of preparation, the educational authorities in Foochow have held a great inter-school athletic sports meeting. The first few days were taken up with the preliminary rounds and finals in volleyball, basket ball and football and later the other events took place. These included all manner of flat races, hurdle races, high and long jump, and other events usually seen at such a gathering.

Presumably what is now being attempted is some control of Customs regulations at ports other than Treaty Ports, where the native Customs impose taxation on goods coming in. With growing recognition by the National Government and the Kuomintang of the importance of trade to the welfare of the nation, not only taxation at the port of entry should be singled out for attack, but the essentially uneconomic nature of lids of all descriptions should be recognised.

In this connexion the interest of foreign traders is small indeed compared with that of Chinese merchants themselves.

Crowd Out of Hand.

On the whole, it may be said

that the order has been good, but

on one day the crowds were so

great and got so eager to see

some of the performances in the

middle of the large ground,

especially dancing by a girls'

school, that they broke through

the line of Boy Scouts and police,

and it was not until the Educational Commissioner had threatened to suspend the whole pro-

ceedings, and the police actually

arrested a man and took him

round with his hands tied behind

his back, that order was restored.

Prompting by this experience, better arrangements were made on the next day, and larger numbers of police and soldiers were on the spot to keep order, with the result that nothing was left to be desired.

It is quite a number of years since such a gathering has been held, and it is a sign of the arrival of better days that a number (estimated at 10,000) so large can meet quietly without really serious untoward incident.

Anti-Japanese posters are very much in evidence at present, but I have not heard of any special demonstration along those lines. In fact, Foochow shows every sign of being glad to live quietly.

A census has just been taken, the result of which, I understand, is that the population is found to be just under 300,000, for the City and Nanhai. This is smaller than most previous estimates.

Philharmonic Society.

On Saturday evening 22nd instant the Foochow Philharmonic Society gave a great treat to those who attended the British Episcopal Church, in the form of a special choral service, which included selections from Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and "Festgeas," and Handel's "Messiah," besides several Christmas hymns and carols. Twenty-eight voices took part, and the whole effect was delightful, reflecting great credit on Mr. T. P. M. Bevan, who conducted, and Mr. W. M. Barton, who played the organ. A collection in aid of the Orphan Fund was taken up, and amounted to \$105.

New Bishop.

The hour of the local composers concert at the Helena May Institute on January 15 has been altered from 5.15 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.

The death took place in Brussels recently of the popular General Baron Jacques, who during the war commanded the 3rd Division of the Belgian Army at Liege, Antwerp, and on the Yser.

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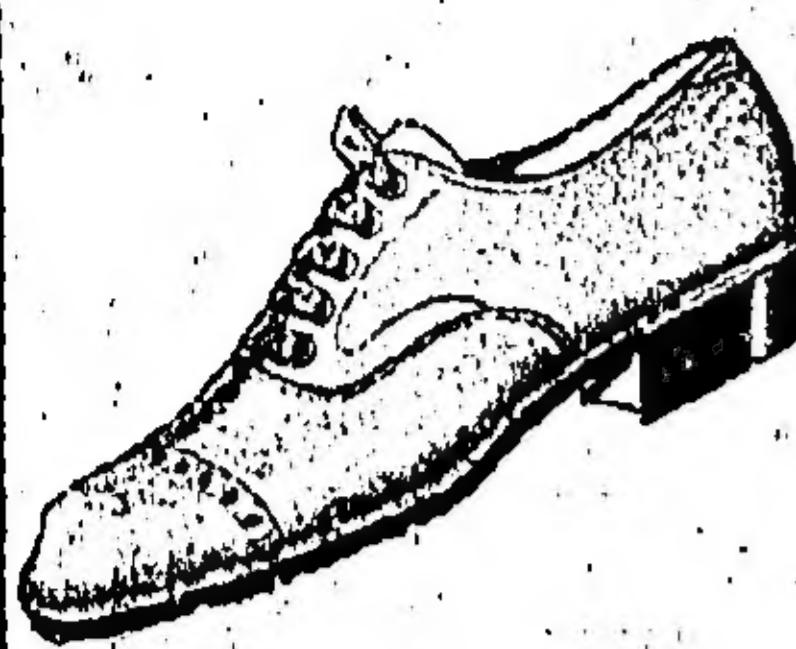
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The whole of the material used in the contract placed by the Central Electricity Board with the General Electric Co., Ltd., for one section of the overhead transmission lines in the south-east of England, will be manufactured in Great Britain.

An official of the company stated that the contract, the value of which was approximately £500,000, would cover the erection of the 132,000 volt line in the district north of the Thames, stretching from Reading on the west to Peterborough on the north, and Ipswich and Colchester on the east. The total mileage of the overhead transmission would be 254 miles, and the total actual length of conductor would be 1,300 miles.

The contract would be carried out by the General Electric Company with the assistance of their associated company, the Pirelli-General Cable Works, Ltd., of Southampton, the latter company carrying out all the actual erection work. The work of erection would take in all three years, and employment would be given in the actual erection work to between 500 and 1,000 men. In addition to that employment would be given to large numbers in the manufacture of the steel towers, steel aluminium conductor, insulators, and other accessories.

The overhead lines are one section of the system of overhead lines covering the whole of England and Scotland which are being erected by the Central Electricity Board with the object of linking up the main generating stations throughout the country and affording a cheap supply of electric power in all districts.

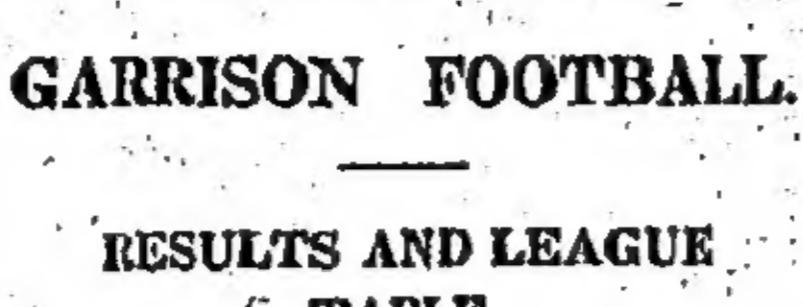
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GARRISON FOOTBALL.

RESULTS AND LEAGUE TABLE.

Below are December results in the Hongkong Garrison Football League:

R.A.O.C.	1	H.Q. Wing	2nd
K.O.S.B.	5		
20th H. Bty. R.A.	1	A. Coy.	2nd
K.O.S.	8		
12th H. Bty. R.A.	1	C. Coy.	2nd
K.O.S.B.	4		
R.A.M.C.	1	M.G. Coy.	2nd
K.O.S.B.	2		
20th H. Bty. R.A.	31st H. Bty. R.A.		
A. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	1	C. Coy.	
2nd K.O.S.B.	2		
R.A.O.C.	0	31st H. Bty. R.A.	4
B. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	31st H. Bty. R.A.	1
R.A.O.C.	1	R.A.O.C.	1
A. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	4	12th H. Bty. R.A.	2
B. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	1	H.Q. Wing	1st Queen's
C. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	3	R.A.O.C.	0
D. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	B. Coy.	2nd K.O.S.B.
E. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	1	M.G. Coy.	2nd K.O.S.B.
F. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	1	D. Coy. 1st Queen's	1
G. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 20th H. Bty. R.A.	1
H. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 12th H. Bty. R.A.	2
I. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 1st Queen's	3
J. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 2nd Queen's	0
K. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 1st Queen's	1
L. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 2nd Queen's	0
M. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 1st Queen's	1
N. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 2nd Queen's	0
O. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 1st Queen's	1
P. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 2nd Queen's	0
Q. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 1st Queen's	1
R. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 2nd Queen's	0
S. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 1st Queen's	1
T. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 2nd Queen's	0
U. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 1st Queen's	1
V. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 2nd Queen's	0
W. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 1st Queen's	1
X. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 2nd Queen's	0
Y. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 1st Queen's	1
Z. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	0	R.A. 2nd Queen's	0

League Table.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	A.	Pts.
H.Q. Wing Queen's	10	8	2	0	81	16	18
C. Coy. K.O.S.B.	10	7	3	0	75	25	15
A. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.	10	6	4	0	68	31	14
R.A. 20th H. Bty.	10	6	3	1	65	29	13
B. Coy. 1st Queen's	11	6	5	0	60	28	10
C. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
D. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
E. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
F. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
G. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
H. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
I. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
J. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
K. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
L. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
M. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
N. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
O. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
P. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
Q. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
R. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
S. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
T. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
U. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
V. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
W. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
X. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
Y. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10
Z. Coy. 2nd Queen's	11	5	6	0	55	35	10

MIDWEEK FOOTBALL.

BORDERERS WIN EASILY IN LEAGUE MATCH.

There was one First Division football match yesterday, and three in the Midweek League. Results at a glance:

Division I:		5 Small Units	
K.O.S.B.	1	Lam Long Wan	0
Midweek League:	7	Lam Long Wan	0
Athletic	0	Ewo Chinese	0
Police	0	P.W.D. Chinese	0
P.W.D. Chinese	0	Hung Kui School	1

K.O.S.B. v. Small Units.

Playing at Sookumpoo in Division I of the League, the K.O.S.B. beat the Small Units by five goals to one. Penny kept a good goal for the Small Units, although beaten five times. The Borderers attacked from the kick off, and the Units' defense was hard pressed. Stock was well to the fore and early gave the K.O.S.B. the lead. Smith and Dodson, the Units backs, played soundly but they had to give way under a persistent attack. Everest scored the K.O.S.B.'s second goal after good work by McGlinchey. The Units then rallied, and Wilson, following up from a partial clearance by McDougall, returned the ball into the net. Another visit by the Units placed Skinner in a good position, but McDougall cleared. Before the interval, Everest scored again for the K.O.S.B.

Resuming, the Borderers wore down the Units' attack and Everest, taking a pass from Torrie, beat Penny for the third time. The K.O.S.B. kept up the attack but the Units defended soundly and kept them out. Before the final whistle sounded, Stock scored for the Borderers, who thus won by five to one.

Mr. W. E. Hollands was the referee.

Athletic v. Lam Long Wan.

Lam Long Wan failed to field a full side in their game with the Athletic on the H.K.F.C. ground, and went down by the large margin of seven clear goals. The Athletic pressed from the kick off, and Hin In-fai scored early, in the game. Leung Tat-wing added one, and before the interval this player put on the third goal. The Athletic scored four times in the second half, Leung Tat-wing (2) and Hin In-fai (2).

Police v. Ewo.

At Happy Valley these teams played a goalless draw. The Police were early attacking, but failed in front of goal. Towards the close of the game, Ewo rallied and the Police defence was hard pressed. The final whistle sounded with a blank sheet.

P.W.D. v. Hung Kui School.

These teams met at Happy Valley, the P.W.D. winning by four goals to one. Tong Fook-lin opened the score for the P.W.D. and added one before the interval. Chui Ping-fai and Sui Ping-wo also scored for the P.W.D. in the first half. Chan Chung-ip scored for the School before the interval.

The second half was more evenly contested, and was goalless. Just on time the P.W.D. were awarded a penalty, Li Fook-sang saving from the spot kick.

Midweek League table:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Athletic	11	9	1	1	10
S. China	9	6	1	2	18
Lam Long Wan	11	5	2	4	12
P.W.D. Chinese	11	4	3	4	11
Ewo Chinese	11	3	3	5	9
Police	11	3	2	6	8
Hung Kui School	10	1	0	9	2

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SALVATION ARMY.

EVANGELINE BOOTH FAILS TO SEE HER BROTHER

London, Jan. 2.

Pending a meeting of the High Council of the Salvation Army on the 8th inst., Commander Evangeline Booth has been endeavouring to see her brother, Bramwell Booth, but hitherto unsuccessfully.

She has received a letter from Mrs. Bramwell Booth saying that it is impossible for her to see the general at present as it is desirable to avoid any possibility of setback in his improvement.

Colonel Tucker of the Salvationist organisation explained that the general did not know that a meeting of the High Council had been called as the doctor had not yet permitted him to be told.

After the meeting of the Council, if his health permitted he would be informed of its decision. This is to avoid any possibility of his experiencing needless worry.

INDIA'S STATUS.

MUSLEM'S MODERATE DEMAND

New Delhi, Jan. 2.

The Muslim All Parties Conference, under the presidency of Ayn Khan, has agreed to a resolution formulating the Muslim demands regarding constitutional advance.

It has decided to omit references to a dominion status or to independence, to the Simon Commission and the Nehru report, but will emphasize the Muslim demand for adequate representation, deprecating a joint electorate without Muslim interests being safeguarded.

It will also demand safeguards for Muslims in cultural and linguistic matters.—Reuter.

HANKOW CONCESSIONS

FOREIGNERS MUCH CONCERNED

Hankow, Jan. 2.

The Wuhan Municipality officially took over the administrations of S.A.D. I and 2 yesterday, removing the archives to the native city.

The move is causing considerable anxiety among foreign property-holders, but it was effected with such suddenness that no action was possible by the foreign authorities concerned, though it is expected the matter will be taken up without delay.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI ROBBERY.

GANG RAID THE HOME OF BRITISH MERCHANT

Shanghai, Jan. 2.

While the family of Mr. H. E. Arnhold, the well-known British merchant, were absent from their home in the French Concession, on New Year celebrations, robbers entered, after poisoning the dog.

They got away with furs and jewellery valued at more than \$100,000.

No arrests have so far been effected.—Reuter.

PROBLEM OF A VOW.

THE POOREST GIRL IN THE WORLD.

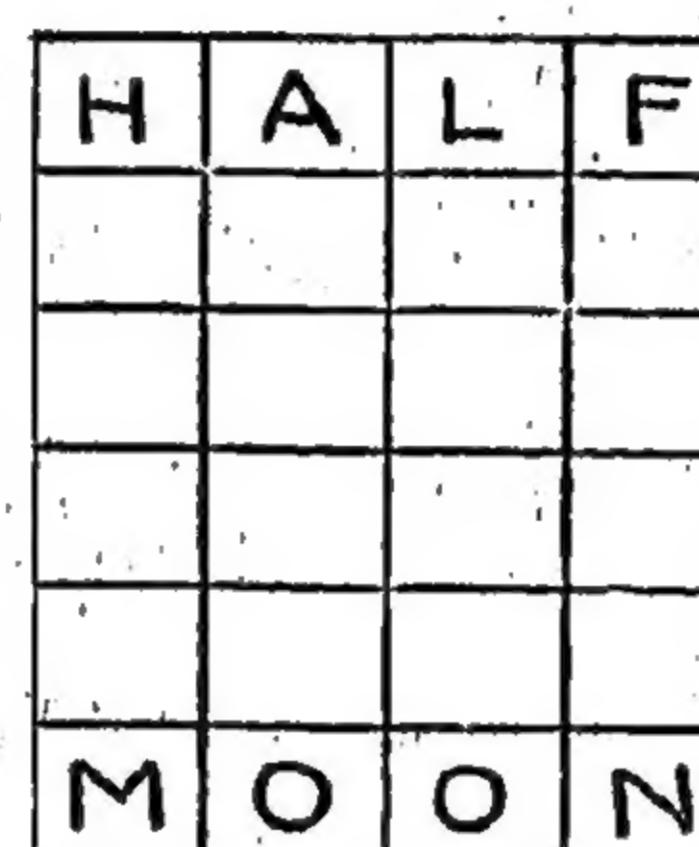
Rome, Nov. 21.

There have been several accounts in the Press of the sufferings of a workman and his eight children who returned from the shores of the Black Sea to Milan after many years' absence because they did not want to adopt Turkish nationality. The difficulties of finding lodgings, the way the family adapted themselves to gipsy life in a van kindly lent by some neighbours, and finally the illness of the father and two of the younger children, with consequent privations and sufferings, attracted public attention, and particularly that of a young man employed as a commercial traveller at Bolzano.

He wrote to the father asking for the hand of one of his daughters (there are five to choose from), and explaining his choice of this particular family. He fell dangerously ill, but, remembering the teaching of his dead mother, he prayed to the Madonna to cure him, promising that, if he lived, he would "marry the poorest girl in the world." The young man is now attempting to carry out his vow.

LETTER GOLF.

A half loaf is better than no bread and a HALF MOON is decidedly better than no letter golf puzzle!



1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW HEW HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

HONGKONG BANK.

OPENING OF THE KOWLOON BRANCH.

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Hongkong, 2nd January, 1929.



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SEAPLANE FLIGHT.

CHINESE VENTURE ENDS SUCCESSFULLY.

[By R. Vaughan-Fowler.]

Early on the morning of December 1 a small crowd gathered at Tai Sha Tau aerodrome to witness the start of the second Chinese long-distance flight. The machine was the Ryan seaplane, fitted with a Wright "Whirlwind" engine, and the pilots were General Chan Hing-wan, Commanding the Buoy Tigris Forts, and Colonel Chau Yuk-kang, Commander of the Tai Sha Tau Training School. With them they had one mechanic, and a successful start was made at 8 a.m. the machine heading for Foochow where it arrived at 3 p.m. the same day.

Since then little has been heard of the aviators except the barest details as to their movements. This silence was broken on December 30 when the Ryan seaplane arrived over Canton at 3.15 p.m. Unfortunately the telegram saying they had started from Wuchow, their last stopping place, did not arrive until a few moments before they did, with the result that it was impossible to warn the officials and persons interested that the machine was expected. However, many people saw the machine over the city and rushed to the aerodrome, and by the time the aviators had brought the machine to rest at the sun-way quite a considerable crowd had gathered to welcome the home-comers.

Among the first to arrive and offer congratulations was General Cheung Wai-cheung, the hero of the first Chinese long-distance flight, followed by Admiral Chan Chak.

The party moved to the large assembly hall where a table was covered with cups, shields, medals and gifts for the aviators. As they were not expected till the following day many of the gifts had not been unpacked, several crates containing these, mostly from the Northern towns visited, being stored in the hall.

What the Flight Proved.

Speeches were made and all present were most enthusiastic. The scene, although on a smaller scale, was reminiscent of the arrival of Squadron Leader Hindler, A.F.C. D.S.M. in Australia, after his flight from England on an Avro "Avian" fitted with a "Cirrus" engine.

From time to time I have advocated the use of seaplanes to establish the air routes of China, and this flight has proved that a seaplane can be used upon the rivers with the greatest of ease and with no previous organisation. If only from this point of view the flight has been of considerable value, and the experience gained by the officer taking part will greatly assist the Aviation Bureau in drawing up plans for aerial services to be put into operation in the near future.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

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HALF, HAIR, HOLT, MOLT,
MOOT, MOON.

NEW YEAR WISHES.

MACAO SENDS GREETINGS TO HONGKONG.

The following telegrams passed between H. E. the Governor of Macao and H. E. the Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong on Tuesday and yesterday:

From Governor, Macao to Governor, Hongkong.

Wish Your Excellency and the Colony of Hongkong the greatest prosperity in the New Year, 1929, and the complete restoration of His Britannic Majesty.

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I am deeply grateful to Your Excellency for your kind enquiries and good wishes regarding His Majesty's health which I regret to say still causes anxiety, though the latest information allows us to anticipate His Majesty's gradual restoration to complete health. I also thank Your Excellency for your New Year greetings and good wishes to the Colony of Hongkong and to myself. They are most heartily reciprocated. May all good fortune attend Your Excellency and the Colony of Macao throughout 1929 and future years.

ROAD AND RAIL.

IMPORTANT MERGERS OF RIVAL INTERESTS.

London, Jan. 2. The Great Western Railway Company and the National Omnibus and Transport Company announce an agreement between them, under which a new company has been formed with an authorised capital of £1,000,000 to take over all road services for passengers now being run by the respective parties in an agreed area in the western counties.

The agreement, which has been rendered possible by the new road powers recently conferred on the railway companies by Parliament will effect co-operation of road and rail transport facilities in the west of England.

An important development in road and rail transport also took place in Sheffield yesterday, when joint bus services operated by the Corporation and by the London and North-Eastern and London, Midland and Scottish Railways, were inaugurated.—*British Wireless*.

Over 3,000 Miles.

More experience will have to be gained, but there is now no reason why seaplane aerial services should not be started within a few months. Thanks to the excellent rivers there is no need to wait for large aeroplanes to be constructed, and quite apart from the delay that would be caused by waiting, the cost of establishing suitable grounds can be saved.

The total distance covered was 3,340 miles, in eleven flights. Actual times for the flights are of no value as the aviators spent much time investigating from the air the local conditions of places passed over, thus increasing the flying time from place to place very considerably. The route was as follows:

Place of Date, Departure.	Place of Arrival.	Miles.	Dec.
1st. Canton	Foochow	550	
3rd. Foochow	Ningpo	400	
6th. Ningpo	Huangchow	175	
8th. Huangchow	Shanghai	210	
10th. Shanghai	Nanking	275	
18th. Nanking	Nanchang	410	
22nd. Nanchang	Hankow	270	
24th. Hankow	Changsha	275	
25th. Changsha	Henchow	185	
30th. Wuchow (via Kwelwin)	Wuchow	470	
	Canton	120	
Total miles flown		3,340	

Successful Trip from Shanghai.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

The first Chinese built seaplane to fly over a distance of 200 miles without a stop returned to Shanghai on Boxing Day, after flying to Ningpo on the previous day. This is the E2 and it belongs to the Chinese Navy, being attached to the Shanghai Squadron.

The machine was in charge of Commanders Lam On, an aviator who received his training in Great Britain, and Chen Shen-tu, who was born and trained in the United States. It left Shanghai on Christmas morning and arrived in Ningpo two and a half hours later. On its return trip it took just less than two hours.

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OBITUARY.

EUROPEAN DRAUGHTSMAN SMALL-POX VICTIM.

The death occurred at the Kennedy Town Isolation Hospital, yesterday, of Mr. Alfred E. Brown, a draughtsman of Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Co., Ltd., engineers and shipbuilders of Kowloon.

The late Mr. Brown only arrived in the Colony about two months ago from the P. & O. s.s. Malwa. He was taken ill just before Christmas and admitted to hospital. Later symptoms of small-pox developed and Mr. Brown was removed to the Isolation Hospital, death ensuing yesterday afternoon.

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The funeral passes the Monument at 5 o'clock to-day.

Sir Charles Macara.

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The late Sir Charles Wright Macara was the first Baronet (created 1911). Born in Fifeshire in 1845, he was educated privately and at Edinburgh, and entered the cotton-spinning industry, in which he early became prominent, being a leader in the Manchester business. He was president of numerous conferences and cotton organisations, and settled a number of industrial disputes. He had conferred on him several foreign honours; and was head of various committees and associations connected with the cotton industry. His publications included a study of social and industrial reforms. His heir is his son, Mr. William Cowper Macara, who was born in 1875.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 7th January, 1929, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 14th January, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the Undersigned before the Friday, the 11th January, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the company's Surveyor—Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday the 8th January, 1929.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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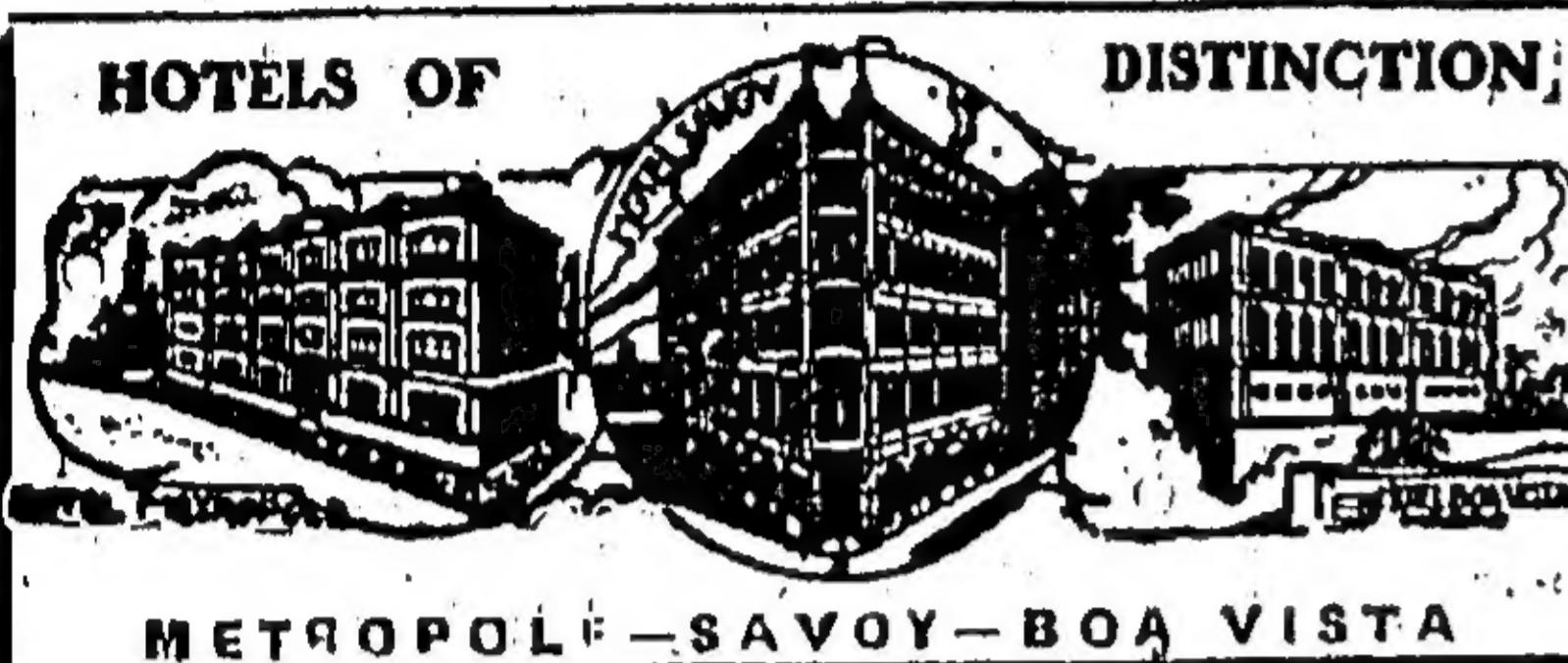
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SHANGHAI HOTEL ROBBERY.**YOUNG RUSSIAN IN THE DOCK.****SAYS HE WAS UNWITTING TOOL OF GERMAN.****THREAT OF DEATH.**

Shanghai, Dec. 28. Charged on remand in the Provincial Court yesterday with being concerned with another in the recent theft of more than \$10,000 worth of jewellery from the room of Mrs. E. Stewart at the Palace Hotel, a Russian youth named Sladivsky strenuously denied his guilt and related how he unwittingly became the tool of another.

Accused also pleaded not guilty to a theft of a cine camera from the Celesta Co., in Bubbling Well Road with a Rumanian, Joseph Nadias, who was arrested by D. S. Satula as he was leaving the courtroom after the preliminary trial of his companion in the dock for the hotel.

Accused's Story.

The Russian's story, unfolded before Judge Shen and Senior Counsel's Deputy C. E. Whitmore yesterday, said he had unknowingly become the tool of a German. The latter, he said, had a room in the hotel and invited him for tea, after which he offered to take the witness upstairs and introduce him to a lady friend.

Accused stated that he followed the man into a room. The former switched on the light and searched the place which gave accused the first warning that his companion was a thief.

Accused added that he wanted to leave the room but the German threatened to kill him if he did so.

Hurried Escape.

Soon a foreign lady, knocked and entered and the German muttered something to her in English which accused said he could not understand. His companion then made a dash for the staircase and accused said he followed in order not to be left in the lurch. In his hurry, prisoner stated, he left his overcoat and a cigarette case bearing his initials behind.

They passed the night in another hotel and he was taken by his companion the following morning to a shop where he asked the man to compensate him for the loss of his things in the hotel. The German then handed him a packet which contained \$73 and two rings, one with a diamond setting and the other a jade setting.

After that they separated, agreeing to meet later in Nanking Road. He kept the appointment but his companion did not show up. On his return home he was arrested with the rings and money on him.

Prisoner Identified.

Prisoner was identified by a Japanese who told the court that he was the party who sold him a camera.

Accused strongly denied his guilt on this charge and declared that he was the victim of circumstances.

Questioned regarding the full name and whereabouts of the German he mentioned, prisoner replied that it would be impossible now for him to locate the man.

Further evidence was given by the police who informed the court that Mrs. Stewart was sick and was unable to attend the proceedings. The two accused were remanded in police custody till January 10.

SHANGHAI OPIUM SCANDAL.**DIFFERENT PERSONS TO HAVE DIFFERENT TRIALS.**

Shanghai, Jan. 2. It is understood from an authoritative source that a trial in connexion with the Shanghai Opium Scandal will be opened on Friday in the Chinese district Court.

The defendants will be the detained Chinese seamen, and a few others.

It is, however, stated, that the authorities have adopted a rather astonishing course with regard to the men regarded as the most important figures in the case.

Mr. Fu Chao-sen, the Chief of the Intelligence Department of the Gendarmerie, for instance, one of the officials detained, and a number of the men in his command, will be subjected to an enquiry by the Nanking Military Administrative Council. They will not appear in the Shanghai trial.

MAGNIFICENT ART COLLECTION.**SPECIAL DUTCH EXHIBITION AT ROYAL ACADEMY.****PRICELESS PICTURES.**

London, Jan. 2.

No fewer than eight hundred and twenty paintings, drawings and objects d'art in silver and glass, constituting the greatest collection of Dutch art ever shown, was opened to-day for public exhibition at the Royal Academy.

The pictures, some of which are priceless, have been brought from the ends of the earth for the exhibition. They include a large number of Rembrandts, each of which is worth fortune, lent by His Majesty the King, American millionaires, art collectors, and British peers.

The great Dutch galleries of the exhibition will remain open for three months.

It was arranged by the most distinguished connoisseurs of England and Holland. After the inaugural ceremony, a luncheon was given at which the food and drinks supplied were exclusively Dutch, being brought from Holland specially for the occasion.

Art-lovers from all over England are expected in London during the next month or two with a view to paying a visit to the Royal Academy.—*Reuter*.

SWATOW FERRY CAPSIZE.**CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF LIFE THOUGHT LIKELY.****CROWDED LAUNCH.**

The *Telegraph* correspondent at Swatow reports that an accident has occurred in connexion with one of the launches running in to Swatow from Kit-yang, after the Winter Solstice holiday.

As usual, crowds of passengers joined the launch at the successive stopping places, and at one of these the small boat on which the passengers were ferried out to the launch capsized, and all were thrown into the water.

At the time of writing, the number of casualties is unknown, but it is feared that there must have been considerable loss of life.

Journey by launch after the different holidays in the year is always perilous. Regulations as to the number of passengers to be carried are not enforced, and those returning to their work and business after the few days at home crowd the vessels, which tend to heel over with the movement of the passengers to the side. On this occasion, the danger attended not the launch itself, but the ferry which supplied it.

COTTON MAGNATE'S DEATH.**SIR CHARLES MACARA'S BUSY LIFE.**

London, Jan. 2.

The late Sir Charles Macara, the well-known cotton magnate, who died at his home at Altringham, Cheshire, aged nearly 83, was recognised all over the world as one of the kings of the cotton industry.

Despite his age, he had applied his wisdom and experience since the war to grappling with the troubles of Lancashire. He was Chairman of the Provisional Emergency Cotton Committee set up in 1922; from 1892 to 1922 he was Chairman of the Manchester Cotton Employers' Association; and from 1894 to 1914 he was President of the English Federation of Master Cotton Spinners.

Outside the business sphere, sir Charles Macara was prominently identified with the national lifeboat movement.—*British Wireless*.

SOUTH AMERICAN DISPUTE.**ARGENTINE NOT WILLING TO HELP.**

Buenos Aires, Jan. 2.

Argentina has refused the invitation by the Pan-American Conference to appoint a representative to the Commission to settle the dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay.

Argentina had already offered to mediate, but Bolivia made reservations; hence Argentina's abstention.—*Reuter*.

BANKRUPT MOTOR CAR OWNER.**EXPLAINS DEALINGS TO COURT.****HIRE-PURCHASE CARS WHICH DID NOT PAY.****BORROWED MONEY.**

Complicated dealings in public motor-cars were described at the Bankruptcy Court this morning, when the public examination of Hau Pak-yan of 15, Sing Wo Road, was held.

Debtor said that he was forty years of age and had been employed by the Dragon Motor Company since 1914. His wages were \$150. He received no commission of any sort, and never sold cars for the Company.

He bought a Hudson car from the Company under a hire-purchase agreement in 1927, agreeing to pay \$3,000. He made an initial payment of \$600 and was to pay \$200 for twelve months. When there was only \$350 remaining to be paid, he defaulted and the Company seized the car.

While the car was in his possession, he let it out for public hire. He had no arrangement with the Company whereby he could get the vehicle back again.

Borrowed Money.

He borrowed money from an Indian money-lender in order to pay the first instalment, receiving \$600 and signing for \$1,200. He had to sign for double the amount before he could get the money he needed to buy the car. Asked why he signed double the amount, debtor said he was asked to do so.

Sir Henry Gollan thought debtor would spend his life in bankruptcy if that was the way in which he did business.

In answer to questions by the Official Receiver, debtor said that he borrowed a further \$600, intending to repay from the takings of his car. He also bought a second vehicle, an Austin, from the Dragon Company in the following month, paying \$1,240 for it in cash with borrowed money. In the same month, he had paid \$600 on the first car.

He employed two drivers, paying them \$45 and \$70 a month respectively. The cars were garaged at the Dragon Company's premises, the rent for the two cars being \$30 a month.

No Profits Made.

In the first month, he made a profit on his cars of \$200, but he had never made any money since. The Hudson car was seized last October and the other was still in his possession.

Why did you keep running these cars month after month when you made a loss on them?—I had to pay my instalments.

And you thought losing money was a good way of paying the instalments?—I had hoped that my car would not be seized. After I had paid my instalments, I could have paid my creditors.

What if you were making a loss?—I could sell the car.

Asked why he had not sold the car, debtor said that he could not find a buyer.

A Third Car.

Questioned with regard to an interest in a third car, debtor said he went half-share with an Indian, paying \$250. He got rid of his share, however, when the car failed to make a profit, and received his money back. This was a Dodge car, which was garaged in the ground floor of 61, Wong Nei Chong Road.

Debtor admitted that he repaired motor cars and motor cycles at his home, saying that repairs were done for friends and he never received payment, but he would occasionally receive an invitation out to tiffin. He had never received cash for work done by himself at his home.

Questioned with regard to his possession of a motor cycle, debtor said it had been in his possession since 1925, when it was left there by a European named Stevens, with instructions to sell it. The European had never returned for the machine, and debtor had been unable to sell it.

The examination was concluded.

WEATHER FORECAST.

To-day's Observatory report states that the typhoon is still shown to the N.E. of Japan. The anticyclone now appears as a belt of high pressure stretching from the Yangtze Valley to South Manchuria. The monsoon will moderate. The forecast till noon tomorrow is—N.E. winds, moderate; overcast at first, clearing later.

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